GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

AHDD&F Department - Disciplinary action initiated against Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Joint Director (AH), O/o Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, the then Joint Director (AH), Eluru, West Godavari District (now retired) under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges Issued - Written Statement of Defence received – Examined – Dropped further action – Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.42 Dated:21.02.2022.

Read the following:-

1. From the District Collector, Eluru, West Godavari District, Letter.Roc.A4/1818/ 2020, Dated:22.12.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.33, AHDD&F(AH.I) Department, Dated:10-02-2021.
3. G.O.Rt.No.244, AHDD&F (AH-I) Department, Dated:14-09-2021.
4. Explanation of Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Joint Director(AH) Dt: 02.11.2021.
5. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P.Vijayawada Lr.Roc.No.7082/VC/G1/2020, Dated:11-01-2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Eluru, West Godavari District among other things has requested the Government to initiate suitable disciplinary action against Dr.P.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Director(AH), O/o the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, for his failure to follow the instructions issued by the District Collector, West Godavari District seeking clarification from the Government with regard to appointment of Person-in-charge to the District Livestock Development Agency (DLDA), Pentapadu, West Godavari District on expiry of term of the Executive Body and the negligence of the individual causing much inconvenience to the District Administration.

2. Accordingly, Government in the G.O. 2nd read above have transferred Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District to the O/o Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada in the existing vacancy, which is non-focal post on disciplinary grounds; pending initiation of disciplinary action against the individual.

3. Subsequently, disciplinary action has been initiated against Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District by framing the following Article of Charges and directed him to submit a written statement of defence in the G.O. 3rd read above.

Article of Charge - I :-

"that Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, while working as Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District has failed to follow the instructions issued by the District Collector, West Godavari District, Eluru, vide note orders dated:15.05.2020 in Roc.507/VAS(T)/ 2020 to seek clarification from the Government whether there are any powers conferred to the District Collectors to appoint the person-in-charge to the District Livestock Development Agency (DLDA) on expiry of the term of Executive Body.

Thus, his conduct is unbecoming of the Government Servant in violation of Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964".

Article of Charge - II:

"that Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, while working as Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District has misled the District Administration to get appointed himself as person-in-charge by suppressing the previous note orders dated:15.05.2020 issued by the District Collector, West Godavari, Eluru.

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Thus, his conduct is unbecoming of the Government Servant in violation of Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964".

Article of Charge - III:

"that Dr. P. Srinivasa Rao, while working as Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District has failed to submit Counter Affidavit properly in W.P.No.13108 of 2020 before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi.

Thus, it shows his negligence and disobedience in discharging his duties which is unbecoming of the Government Servant in violation of Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964".

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his defence statement wherein he has stated that the lapses pointed out in the Article of Charges are due to ignorance and pressure from COVID pandemic and good intention to oversee the proper functioning of the District Livestock Development Agency (DLDA), in view of the expiry of the term of the present executive committee and have no intention to wilfully disobey the instructions of District Collector, West Godavari, Eluru. He has also submitted that, his ignorance regarding rule position in appointment of PIC to DLDAs and involvement in multiple activities as Joint Director in COVID duties, may not be construed as malicious intention and requested to kindly pardon for the lapses and drop the charges, as he is going to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2021.

5. The Director of Animal Husbandry in the letter 5th read above, while furnishing the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Charged Officer Dr.P.Srinivasa Rao, has requested the Government to take a lenient view on the lapses of Dr.P.Srinivasa Rao, while working as Joint Director(AH), Eluru, West Godavari District, duly considering his unblemished past 35 years of service in the Department of Animal Husbandry in various capacities starting from Veterinary Assistant Surgeon to Joint Director (AH) and drop the Article of Charges framed as the individual has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2021 A.N.

6. Government after examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Dr.P.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Director (AH), O/o Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, the then Joint Director (AH), Eluru, West Godavari District (now retired).

7. The Director of Animal Husbandry, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director of Animal Husbandry, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The individual through the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P. Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Collector & District Magistrate, Eluru, West Godavari District.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officers, West Godavari Districts.
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T. Nagesh
SECTION OFFICER